One of our goals each month is to inspire you to read --- and to keep reading. We have found that required reading lists for school --- especially summer reading lists --- are not exactly inspiring. Thus we have created what we think is the Ultimate Teen Reading List --- more than 250 titles that we think are perfect choices for reading and discussing. Our dream is that schools will use this list to help them make their own for summer reading or, even better, suggest that students just read what they want from this list.  
  
How did we create our list? We compiled entries from Teenreads.com readers who weighed in with their selections and we also asked our staffers for suggestions. Titles range from young adult books to books that we read on adult lists that we think would be enjoyed by teens.  
  
Thanks to all who participated in this project, which spurred a lot of conversation about books. We encourage you to share this list with your teachers and fellow classmates, as well as librarians.

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| [[0452262933](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0452262933/thebookreport01)**1984**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0452262933/thebookreport01) **George Orwell** Science Fiction ISBN-10: 0452262933 ISBN-13: 9780452262935   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0452262933/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/19841.asp)  In 1949, on the heels of another literary classic, Animal Farm, George Orwell wrote 1984, his now legendary and terrifying glimpse into the future. His vision of an omni-present and ultra-repressive State is rooted in the alarming world events of Orwell's own time and is given shape and substance by his astute play on our own fears. |
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| [[9780316013680](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316013684/thebookreport01)**THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316013684/thebookreport01) **Sherman Alexie** Fiction ISBN-10: 0316013684 ISBN-13: 9780316013680  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316013684/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/9780316013680.asp)   In his first book for young adults --- a finalist for the National Book Award --- bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, an aspiring cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the reservation to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. |
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| [[0525476881](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0525476881/thebookreport01)**AN ABUNDANCE OF KATHERINES**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0525476881/thebookreport01) **John Green** Fiction ISBN-10: 0525476881 ISBN-13: 9780525476887  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0525476881/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/0525476881.asp)   Dumped by 19 girls named Katherine, child prodigy Colin Singleton and his best friend take a heart-healing road trip where Colin hopes to prove mathematically that relationships are predictable and earn his way into adulthood as a certified genius. |
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| [[9780689878558](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689878559/thebookreport01)**ALANNA: The First Adventure**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689878559/thebookreport01) **Tamora Pierce** Fantasy ISBN-10: 0689878559 ISBN-13: 9780689878558  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689878559/thebookreport01)   Becoming a legend is not easy, as young Alanna of Trebond discovers when she disguises herself as a boy and begins training to be a knight. Alanna's skills and stubbornness help her befriend Prince Jonathan but alienate his evil uncle, Duke Roger. Filled with swords and sorcery, adventure and intrigue, good and evil, this book is a rousing introduction to the intensely satisfying story of Alanna. |
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| [[006019250X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006019250X/thebookreport01)**THE ALCHEMIST**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006019250X/thebookreport01) **Paulo Coelho** Religion/Spirituality ISBN-10: 006019250X ISBN-13: 9780060192501  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006019250X/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/alchemist.asp)  Timeless and entertaining, exotic yet simple, this fable breaks down the steps in the journey we all take to find the most meaningful riches in our lives. Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who dreams about finding a treasure in the pyramids of Egypt, shows how along the way we learn to trust our hearts, read seemingly inconspicuous signs, and understand that as we look to fulfill a dream, it looks to find us just the same...if we let it. |
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| [[0064405877](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064405877/thebookreport01)**AM I BLUE? COMING OUT FROM THE SILENCE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064405877/thebookreport01) **Marion Dane Bauer, editor** Short Stories ISBN-10: 0064405877 ISBN-13: 9780064405874  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064405877/thebookreport01)  The group of YA writers --- some gay, some not --- who have written these sixteen short stories have something to say about gay awareness. Their stories cut across color and class lines to incorporate everything from a contemporary tale about a girl's coming out to a nod to the Vietnam War to a fantasy in an Amazonian kingdom and a story set in a Catholic girls' school. |
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| [[0312282990](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312282990/thebookreport01)**THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF KAVALIER AND CLAY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312282990/thebookreport01) **Michael Chabon** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0312282990 ISBN-13: 9780312282998   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312282990/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/0312282990.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/kavalier_clay.asp)  In 1939 New York, a young artist who also has been trained in the art of Houdini-esque escape, teams up with his cousin teams up with his cousin to create a great American literary product --- the comic book. As the shadow of Hitler falls over Europe and ultimately the world, the boys end up immersed in the Golden Age of Comic Books, finding greater fame and more trouble than they could ever have imagined. |
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| [[0786856912](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0786856912/thebookreport01)**AMAZING GRACE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0786856912/thebookreport01) **Megan Shull** Fiction ISBN-10: 0786856912 ISBN-13: 9780786856916   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0786856912/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0786856904.asp)  Imagine being a teenage tennis superstar worth millions of dollars and world-famous. Sounds pretty fantastic, doesn't it? But Grace Kincaid has more than enough of the celebrity life and the pressures of being what she refers to as "a name brand." She leaves it all behind and escapes to Medicine Hat, Alaska to begin her new life. |
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| [[006051518X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006051518X/thebookreport01)**ANANSI BOYS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006051518X/thebookreport01) **Neil Gaiman** Science Fiction ISBN-10: 006051518X ISBN-13: 9780060515188   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006051518X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/006051518X.asp)  Mythology and modern times collide again in this masterpiece from Neil Gaiman. This follow-up to American Gods is equal parts humorous, terrifying, adventurous, and epic in the standard mythological style --- but it is also an intimate story about the beauty, and danger, of family. |
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| [[068484267X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/068484267X/thebookreport01)**ANGELA'S ASHES**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/068484267X/thebookreport01) **Frank McCourt** Memoir ISBN-10: 068484267X ISBN-13: 9780684842677   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/068484267X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0684874350.asp)  "When I look back on my childhood I wonder how I managed to survive at all. It was, of course, a miserable childhood: the happy childhood is hardly worth your while," write Frank McCourt in his memoir. ANGELA'S ASHES, imbued on every page with McCourt's astounding humor and compassion, is a glorious book that bears all the marks of a classic. |
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| [[0374525102](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0374525102/thebookreport01)**ANNIE JOHN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0374525102/thebookreport01) **Jamaica Kincaid** Fiction ISBN-10: 0374525102 ISBN-13: 9780374525101   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0374525102/thebookreport01)  ANNIE JOHN is a haunting and provocative story of a young girl growing up on the island of Antigua. A classic coming-of-age story in the tradition of THE CATCHER IN THE RYE and A PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG MAN, Kincaid's novel focuses on a universal, tragic, and often comic theme: the loss of childhood. Annie's voice --- urgent, demanding to be heard --- is one that will not soon be forgotten. |
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| [[9780061537936](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0061537934/thebookreport01)**THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0061537934/thebookreport01) **Garth Stein** Fiction ISBN-10: 0061537934 ISBN-13: 9780061537936  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0061537934/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/9780061537936.asp)   Enzo relays the story of his family --- which includes race car driver Denny, wife Eve and daughter Zoë --- who face being torn apart when Eve becomes ill. While struggling to hold them together, Enzo refines his plans to be reincarnated as a human. After all, being a dog severely limits his ability to express his huge heart and soaring soul to those he loves most. |
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| [[038572179X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/038572179X/thebookreport01)**ATONEMENT**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/038572179X/thebookreport01) **Ian McEwan** Romance ISBN-10: 038572179X ISBN-13: 9780385721790   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/038572179X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/038572179X.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/atonement1.asp)  Ian McEwan's symphonic novel of love and war, childhood and class, guilt and forgiveness provides all the satisfaction of a brilliant narrative and the provocation we have come to expect from this master of English prose. |
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| [[0385722206](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385722206/thebookreport01)**BALZAC AND THE LITTLE CHINESE SEAMSTRESS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385722206/thebookreport01) **Dai Sijie** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0385722206 ISBN-13: 9780385722209   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385722206/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/balzac_and_the_seamstress1.asp)  Part historical novel, part fable, part love story, BALZAC AND THE LITTLE CHINESE SEAMSTRESS is a moving testament to the transformative power of literature. In 1971, as Mao's Cultural Revolution sweeps across China, two teenage boys are branded "ractionary intellectuals" and sent to live on a remote mountain. When they bargain their way into obtaining a forbidden Balzac novel from a friend, it opens up a new and dizzyingly vast world --- and leads to unexpected consequences that propel the novel to its stunning conclusion. |
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| [[0060915544](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060915544/thebookreport01)**THE BEAN TREES**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060915544/thebookreport01) **Barbara Kingsolver** Fiction ISBN-10: 0060915544 ISBN-13: 9780060915544   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060915544/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/0060915544.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/bean_trees.asp)  Looking to escape an oppressive upbringing in rural Kentucky, Marietta Greer heads west in a beat-up Volkswagen. By the time her car breaks down in Tucson, she has with her a stunned, silent three-year-old Cherokee girl who was, literally, dropped into her arms one night and who Marietta names Turtle. Here in Tucson, among a group of fellow travelers, Marietta and Turtle create new lives and redefine the meanings of home and family. |
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| [[0385498802](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385498802/thebookreport01)**BEE SEASON**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385498802/thebookreport01) **Myla Goldberg** Religion/Spirituality ISBN-10: 0385498802 ISBN-13: 9780385498807   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385498802/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/bee_season.asp)  Eliza Naumann has no reason to believe she's anything but ordinary. Her father Saul, a university professor, dotes on her talented elder brother Aaron. Her scientist mother, Miriam, seems consumed by her career. Then Eliza amazes everyone by winning a spelling bee, and her unexpected success hurls the Naumann family dynamic into a tailspin and long-held secrets begin to emerge. |
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| [[0345458303](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0345458303/thebookreport01)**BEGINNER'S LUCK**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0345458303/thebookreport01) **Laura Pedersen** Fiction ISBN-10: 0345458303 ISBN-13: 9780345458308   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0345458303/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0345458303.asp)  The second of seven children, Hallie Palmer has one dream: to make it to Vegas. Normally blessed with an uncanny gift for winning at games of chance, she's hit a losing streak. She's been kicked out of the casino she frequents during school hours, lost all her money for a car on a bad bet at the track, and has been grounded by her parents. It seems the time has come for Hallie to cut her losses. |
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| [[0060934417](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060934417/thebookreport01)**BEL CANTO**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060934417/thebookreport01) **Ann Patchett** Fiction ISBN-10: 0060934417 ISBN-13: 9780060934415   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060934417/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/0060188731.asp)  In the vice president's mansion in a South American country, a lavish party is taking place. An American opera singer is entertaining the guests, dignitaries and high-ranking officials from around the world, when suddenly the room is plunged into darkness. Terrorists invade the mansion and set in motion a series of events that alters the life of every person involved. |
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| [[0060837020](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060837020/thebookreport01)**THE BELL JAR**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060837020/thebookreport01) **Sylvia Plath** Fiction ISBN-10: 0060837020 ISBN-13: 9780060837020   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060837020/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/bell_jar.asp)  Sylvia Plath's witty and disturbing novel follows Esther Greenwood through three seasons, step by painful step. Esther slides ever deeper into devastating depression, attempts suicide, undergoes bungled electroshock therapy, and enters a private hospital. Based on Plath's own summer,fall and winter of 1953-1954, THE BELL JAR ends with the hope, if not the clear promise, of recovery. |
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| [[0452280621](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0452280621/thebookreport01)**BELOVED**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0452280621/thebookreport01) **Toni Morrison** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0452280621 ISBN-13: 9780452280625  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0452280621/thebookreport01)  At the center of Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize-winning fifth novel is an almost unspeakable act of horror and heroism: a woman brutally kills her infant daughter rather than allow her to be enslaved. The woman is Sethe, and the novel --- part ghost story, part history lesson, part folk tale --- traces her journey from slavery to freedom during and immediately following the Civil War. |
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| [[0140282777](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0140282777/thebookreport01)**BIG FISH**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0140282777/thebookreport01) **Daniel Wallace** Fiction ISBN-10: 0140282777 ISBN-13: 9780140282771   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0140282777/thebookreport01)  Faced with the prospect of his father's death, William Bloom sets about to discover who the man really is. This magical novel is told as a series of legends and myths inspired by the few facts William knows. Through these tall tales --- hilarious and wrenching, tender and outrageous --- William begins to understand his elusive father's great feats and great failings. |
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| [[0345479564](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0345479564/thebookreport01)**THE BIG SHUFFLE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0345479564/thebookreport01) **Laura Pedersen** Fiction ISBN-10: 0345479564 ISBN-13: 9780345479563   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0345479564/thebookreport01)  When the death of her father leaves her mother bereft and incapacitated, card sharp Hallie Palmer returns home from college to raise Hallie's eight younger siblings. As she copes with a bevy of surprises, she discovers that life can indeed turn on a dime. And just because beginner's luck doesn't always last forever doesn't mean you're out of the game. |
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| [[1416902732](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1416902732/thebookreport01)**BLIND FAITH**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1416902732/thebookreport01) **Ellen Wittlinger** Fiction ISBN-10: 1416902732 ISBN-13: 9781416902737   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1416902732/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/1416902732.asp)  After Liz Scattergood's grandmother dies, her mother spirals into a depression and then starts attending a spiritualist church --- which drives Liz's atheist dad away from her mom and their family. Liz turns to her new neighbor, Nathan, who is dealing with his own mother's terminal cancer, and together they help each other cope. This moving novel explores how a loved one's death impacts those who are left behind. |
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| [[Book Cover Art](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316065765/thebookreport01)**THE BLOOD OF FLOWERS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316065765/thebookreport01) **Anita Amirrezvani** Fiction ISBN-10: 0316065765  ISBN-13: 9780316065764  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316065765/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews2/0316065765.asp) • [Read a Reading Group Guide](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides_B/blood_of_flowers1.asp)   In 17th-century Persia, a young woman struggles to make her way in the bustling city after the death of her father. The story in Anita Amirrezvani's debut novel about empowerment and sense of self is told with beauty and skill, which matches that of her rug-weaving characters. |
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| [[0142405450](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142405450/thebookreport01)**THE BLUE GIRL**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142405450/thebookreport01) **Charles de Lint** Fantasy ISBN-10: 0142405450 ISBN-13: 9780142405451   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142405450/thebookreport01)  Seventeen-year-old Imogene's rebellious nature has caused her more harm than good, and when her family moves to a new town she decides to reinvent herself. She won't lose her punk look, but she'll try to avoid the gangs and work a little harder at school. But trouble shows up anyway, and Imogene knows that if she wants to survive high school --- not to mention stay alive --- she has to start running with a gang. |
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| [[0152023887](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152023887/thebookreport01)**THE BODY OF CHRISTOPHER CREED**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152023887/thebookreport01) **Carol Plum Ucci** Mystery ISBN-10: 0152023887 ISBN-13: 9780786816415   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152023887/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0152023887.asp)  All his life Christopher Creed had been considered a freak, the target of the bullies at his school. But when he disappears without a trace, things get stranger than ever. In this suspenseful, frank novel, sixteen-year-old Torey Adams tries to solve the mystery of what happened to Chris and, in the process, learns how truly brutal life can be. |
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| [[0375831002](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375831002/thebookreport01)**THE BOOK THIEF**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375831002/thebookreport01) **Markus Zusak** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0375831002 ISBN-13: 9780375831003   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375831002/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0375831002.asp)  Living in Germany during World War II, young Liesel Meminger scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist --- books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids. |
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| [[0385751060](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385751060/thebookreport01)**THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385751060/thebookreport01) **John Boyne** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0385751060 ISBN-13: 9780385751063   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385751060/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0385751060.asp)  John Boyne's novel is the gripping story of two boys --- one the son of a commandant in Hitler's army and the other a Jew --- who come face-to-face at a barbed wire fence that separates, and eventually intertwines their lives. |
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| [[0375832998](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375832998/thebookreport01)**BOY MEETS BOY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375832998/thebookreport01) **David Levithan** Romance ISBN-10: 0375832998 ISBN-13: 9780375832994   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375832998/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0375832998.asp)  Paul is a sophomore at a high school like no other: The cheerleaders ride Harleys and the homecoming queen used to be a guy named Daryl. When Paul meets Noah, he thinks he's found the one his heart is made for --- until he blows it. This is a happy-meaningful romantic comedy about finding love, losing love, and doing what it takes to get love back in a crazy-wonderful world. |
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| [[0060929871](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060929871/thebookreport01)**BRAVE NEW WORLD**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060929871/thebookreport01) **Aldous Huxley** Science Fiction ISBN-10: 0060929871 ISBN-13: 9780060929879   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060929871/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/brave_new_world.asp)  In BRAVE NEW WORLD, Aldous Huxley conjures up a horrifying, but often comic, vision of a future Utopia in which humans are processed, conditioned, regimented, and drugged into total social conformity. |
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| [[0679745653](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0679745653/thebookreport01)**BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0679745653/thebookreport01) **Truman Capote** Short Stories ISBN-10: 0679745653 ISBN-13: 9780679745655   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0679745653/thebookreport01)  Of all of his characters, Truman Capote once said Holly Golightly was his favorite. When the "mean reds" strike, the cure for this vivacious hillbilly-turned-Manhattan party girl is to jump into a taxi and head for Tiffany's --- where, she believes, nothing bad could ever happen. |
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| [[0385323069](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385323069/thebookreport01)**BUD NOT BUDDY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385323069/thebookreport01) **Christopher Paul Curtis** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0385323069 ISBN-13: 9780385323062   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385323069/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/0385323069.asp)  In this novel set during the Great Depression, 10-year-old orphan Bud is tired of being passed from foster home to foster home. He decides to run away and find the man he believes to be his father, a jazz musician named Herman Calloway. |
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| [[0670035661](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0670035661/thebookreport01)**CATALYST**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0670035661/thebookreport01) **Laurie Halse Anderson** Fiction ISBN-10: 0670035661 ISBN-13: 9780142400012  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0670035661/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0670035661.asp)  The unexpected twists and turns that occur in teenager Kate Malone's life force her to take a hard look at her relationships with her family, her friends, her boyfriend, and even her deceased mother. As she struggles with needing to be popular and the desire to please everyone at the expense of herself, Kate discovers that she is only human, fraught with insecurities, doubts, and questions --- and that's okay. |
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| [[0684833395](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0684833395/thebookreport01)**CATCH-22**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0684833395/thebookreport01) **Joseph Heller** Fiction ISBN-10: 0684833395 ISBN-13: 9780684833392   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0684833395/thebookreport01)  Malingering bombardier Yossarian is a hero endlessly inventive in his schemes to save himself from the horrors of war. And yet he is trapped by the bureaucratic rule from which the novel takes its title: a man is considered insane if he willingly flies dangerous combat missions, but if he makes a formal request to be relieved of such missions, the very act of making the request proves that he is sane and therefore ineligible to be relieved. |
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| [[0316769177](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316769177/thebookreport01)**THE CATCHER IN THE RYE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316769177/thebookreport01) **J.D. Salinger** Fiction ISBN-10: 0316769177 ISBN-13: 9780316769174   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316769177/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0316769177-excerpt.asp)  Since its publication in 1951, this novel is the coming-of-age story of Holden Caulfield --- whose four-day "odyssey" leaves him broken by society yet still compassionate. Read and cherished by generations, THE CATCHER IN THE RYE is one of America's literary treasures. |
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| [[061858532X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/061858532X/thebookreport01)**A CERTAIN SLANT OF LIGHT**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/061858532X/thebookreport01) **Laura Whitcomb** Romance ISBN-10: 061858532X ISBN-13: 9780618585328   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/061858532X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/061858532X.asp)  In the class of the high school English teacher she has been haunting, Helen feels human eyes looking at her for the first time in 130 years. They belong to James, a boy whom she is mysteriously drawn to. As Helen and James struggle to find a way to be together, they begin to discover the secrets of their former lives and of the young people they come to possess. |
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| [[006008460X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006008460X/thebookreport01)**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006008460X/thebookreport01) **Frank B. Gilbreth Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey** Humor ISBN-10: 006008460X ISBN-13: 9780060084608  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006008460X/thebookreport01)  When Tom Baker gets a job offer to coach football at Northwestern University in Chicago, he and his wife, Mary, move there with their 12 children. When demands outside the home begin to take up more and more of their time, Tom and Mary are forced to try to find new ways of caring for their offspring --- and discover that their parenting styles aren't always compatible. |
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| [[1558743669](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1558743669/thebookreport01)**A CHILD CALLED "IT"**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1558743669/thebookreport01) **Dave Pelzer** Memoir ISBN-10: 1558743669 ISBN-13: 9781558743663   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1558743669/thebookreport01)  This is the unforgettable account of one of the most severe child abuse cases in California history. It is the story of Dave Pelzer, who was brutally beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother. Dave had nothing or no one to turn to, but his dreams kept him alive --- dreams of someone taking care of him, loving him and calling him their son. |
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| [[Book Cover Art](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0618894640/thebookreport01)**THE CHILDREN OF HURIN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0618894640/thebookreport01) **J.R.R. Tolkien, edited by Christopher Tolkien** Fantasy ISBN-10: 0618894640 ISBN-13: 9780618894642  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0618894640/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0618894640.asp)   The first complete book by the late J.R.R. Tolkien in three decades --- since the publication of THE SILMARILLION in 1977 --- THE CHILDREN OF HURIN reunites fans of THE HOBBIT and THE LORD OF THE RINGS with elves and men, dragons and dwarves, eagles and orcs. |
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| [[0440944597](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440944597/thebookreport01)**THE CHOCOLATE WAR**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440944597/thebookreport01) **Robert Cormier** Fiction ISBN-10: 0440944597 ISBN-13: 9780440944591   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440944597/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0440944597.asp)  Watching someone take a stand is easy; doing it yourself can be absolutely terrifying. That's what Jerry Renault learns when he refuses to participate in his school's annual candy drive and incurs the wrath of the ruling clique of students ---- a wrath egged on by the school's administration. The ending --- which takes place in a boxing ring --- is brutal, frightening, and completely mesmerizing. |
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| [[0449213447](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0449213447/thebookreport01)**THE CHOSEN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0449213447/thebookreport01) **Chaim Potok** Fiction ISBN-10: 0449213447 ISBN-13: 9780449213445   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0449213447/thebookreport01)  THE CHOSEN is the now-classic story of two fathers and two sons and the pressures on all of them to pursue the religion they share in the way that is best suited to each. As the boys grow into young men, they discover in the other a lost spiritual brother and a link to an unexplored world that neither had ever considered before. In effect, they exchange places, and find peace they will ever retreat from again. |
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| [[0064471195](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064471195/thebookreport01)**CHRONICLES OF NARNIA**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064471195/thebookreport01) **C.S. Lewis** Fantasy ISBN-10: 0064471195 ISBN-13: 9780064471190   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064471195/thebookreport01)  C. S. Lewis's timeless adventure follows the exploits of the four Pevensie siblings --- Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter --- who enter the magical world of Narnia through a wardrobe. |
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| [[038531258X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/038531258X/thebookreport01)**COLD SASSY TREE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/038531258X/thebookreport01) **Olive Ann Burns** Romance ISBN-10: 038531258X ISBN-13: 9780385312585   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/038531258X/thebookreport01)  On July 5, 1906, in a small Georgia town, things take a scandalous turn. That's the day E. Rucker Blakeslee, proprietor of the general store and barely three weeks a widower, elopes with Miss Love Simpson --- a woman half his age and, worse yet, a Yankee. That's the day an unimpeachably pious, deliciously irreverent town comes to life --- and the day fourteen-year-old Will Tweedy's adventures begin. COLD SASSY TREE explores timeless issues of love, death, coming of age, and the ties that bind families and generations. |
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| [[0671727796](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0671727796/thebookreport01)**THE COLOR PURPLE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0671727796/thebookreport01) **Alice Walker** Fiction ISBN-10: 0671727796 ISBN-13: 9780671727796   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0671727796/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/0671727796.asp)  Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is the story of Celie, a young girl abused by her father and then married off to a violent and angry man. She maintains her dignity and strength through her relationship with Shug, a flamboyant blues singer who is having an affair with Celie's husband. With Shug's love comes great courage, and Celie finds a new person inside herself, awaiting bloom. |
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| [[0802130208](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0802130208/thebookreport01)**A CONFEDERACY OF DUNCES**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0802130208/thebookreport01) **John Kennedy Toole** Fiction ISBN-10: 0802130208 ISBN-13: 9780802130204   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0802130208/thebookreport01)  This American comic masterpiece outswifts Swift, whose poem gives the book its title. Set in New Orleans, this humorous classic is filled with unforgettable characters and unbelievable plot twists, shimmering with intelligence, and dazzling in its originality. |
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| [[0689821816](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689821816/thebookreport01)**COPPER SUN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689821816/thebookreport01) **Sharon Draper** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0689821816 ISBN-13: 9780689821813   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689821816/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0689821816.asp)  Fifteen-year-old Amari is taken from her village in Africa by pale-faced strangers and sent across the ocean to America. She is sold to a plantation owner in the Carolinas who wants a birthday present for his son. Here Amari meets Polly, an indentured white girl, and the two girls from different ends of the earth bond together in order to survive --- and their friendship just might help them fight their way to freedom. |
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| [[067976397X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/067976397X/thebookreport01)**CORELLI'S MANDOLIN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/067976397X/thebookreport01) **Louis De Bernieres** Romance ISBN-10: 067976397X ISBN-13: 9780679763970  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/067976397X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/067976397X.asp)  On an Italian-occupied Greek island during WWII, Pelagia, a willful, beautiful local girl, has two suitors vying for her love: Mandras, a gentle fisherman turned ruthless guerilla, and the charming, mandolin-playing Captain Corelli. Corelli's Mandolin is rich with loyalties and betrayals, and set against a landscape where the factual blends seamlessly with the fantastic. |
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| [[0385337639](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385337639/thebookreport01)**CROW LAKE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385337639/thebookreport01) **Mary Lawson** Fiction ISBN-10: 0385337639 ISBN-13: 9780385337632   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385337639/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/038533611X.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/crow_lake1.asp)  Set against the wild terrain of northern Ontario, where heartbreak and hardship are mirrored in the landscape, this universal drama of love and misunderstanding recounts a family' tragic and moving past. Poignant, funny, and utterly unforgettable, CROW LAKE is a deceptively simple masterpiece of literary fiction. |
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| [[1400032717](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1400032717/thebookreport01)**THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1400032717/thebookreport01) **Mark Haddon** Mystery ISBN-10: 1400032717 ISBN-13: 9781400032716   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1400032717/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/curious_incident_dog1.asp)  Christopher John Francis Boone is a fifteen-year-old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes. He knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for a captivating and unusual tale. |
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| [[0618683070](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0618683070/thebookreport01)**DAIRY QUEEN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0618683070/thebookreport01) **Catherine Gilbert Murdock** Fiction ISBN-10: 0618683070 ISBN-13: 9780618683079   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0618683070/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0618683070.asp)  When you don't talk, there's a lot of stuff that ends up not getting said. Like why D. J.'s best friend, Amber, isn't friendly anymore. Why her mom has two jobs and a big secret. Why her college-football-star brothers won't call home. And why Brian Nelson is so out of her league. Welcome to the summer that fifteen-year-old D. J. Schwenk of Red Bend, Wisconsin, learns to talk, and ends up having an awful lot of stuff to say. |
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| [[0380977265](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0380977265/thebookreport01)**DANDELION WINE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0380977265/thebookreport01) **Ray Bradbury** Fiction ISBN-10: 0380977265 ISBN-13: 9780380977260  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0380977265/thebookreport01)  DANDELION WINE is Ray Bradbury's semi-autobiographical novel about 12-year-old Douglas Spaulding of Green Town, Illinois, who discovers that summer is more than the repetition of established rituals whose mystical power holds time at bay. It can be a best friend moving away, a human time machine who can transport you back to the Civil War, or a sideshow automaton able to glimpse the bittersweet future. |
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| [[Book Cover Art](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446528056/thebookreport01)**DEAR JOHN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446528056/thebookreport01) **Nicholas Sparks** Fiction ISBN-10: 0446528056 ISBN-13: 9780446528054   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446528056/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews2/0446528056.asp)   Internationally bestselling author Nicholas Sparks explores the complexities of love -- how it survives time and heartbreak, and how it transforms us forever --- in this incredibly moving novel about a young couple whose commitment to one another is put to the test. |
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| [[0385480334](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385480334/thebookreport01)**THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385480334/thebookreport01) **Anne Frank** Memoir ISBN-10: 0385480334 ISBN-13: 9780385480338   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385480334/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/anne_frank_diary_young_girl.asp)  First published in 1947, Anne Frank's diary --- in which she recounts the two years she spent hiding in an Amsterdam warehouse with her Jewish family during the Nazi occupation --- continues to resonate with readers. It remains a beloved and deeply admired testament to the indestructible nature of the human spirit. |
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| [[0312314132](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312314132/thebookreport01)**THE DISTANCE FROM NORMANDY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312314132/thebookreport01) **Jonathan Hull** Fiction ISBN-10: 0312314132 ISBN-13: 9780312314132   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312314132/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0312314116.asp)  Sixteen-year-old Andrew is a scared and angry high school sophomore who has just been expelled from school and is heading down a path of self-destruction. His grandfather, a WWII vet and recent widower, agrees to spend time with him --- and together they embark on an unforgettable journey to Normandy . |
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| [[0375727132](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375727132/thebookreport01)**THE DIVE FROM CLAUSEN'S PIER**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375727132/thebookreport01) **Ann Packer** Romance ISBN-10: 0375727132 ISBN-13: 9780375727139   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375727132/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/0375727132.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/dive_from_clausens_pier1.asp)  Twenty-three-year-old Carrie Bell has lived in Wisconsin all her life, and she longs for a change, an upheaval, for a chance to begin again. When it comes in the wake of a tragedy, Carrie questions everything she thought she knew about herself and the meaning of home. How much do we owe the people we love? Is it a sign of strength or of weakness to walk away from someone in need? These questions lie at the heart of Ann Packer's riveting novel about loyalty and self-knowledge. |
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| [[0441172717](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0441172717/thebookreport01)**DUNE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0441172717/thebookreport01) **Frank Herbert** Science Fiction ISBN-10: 0441172717 ISBN-13: 9780441013593  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0441172717/thebookreport01)  A blend of adventure and mysticism, environmentalism and politics, Dune --- set on the desert planet Arrakis --- is the story of a mysterious man known as Maud'dib, who seeks to avenge the traitorous plot against his noble family and bring to fruition humankind's most ancient and unattainable dream. |
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| [[0763620912](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0763620912/thebookreport01)**THE EARTH, MY BUTT, AND OTHER BIG ROUND THINGS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0763620912/thebookreport01) **Carolyn Mackler** Fiction ISBN-10: 0763620912 ISBN-13: 9780763620912   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0763620912/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0763619582.asp)  Don't let the whimsical title fool you --- although Carolyn Mackler's novel about 15-year-old Virginia Shreves is lighthearted and humorous, at its core is a serious message about self-confidence and self-acceptance. |
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| [[0590409433](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0590409433/thebookreport01)**FALLEN ANGELS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0590409433/thebookreport01) **Walter Dean Myers** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0590409433 ISBN-13: 9780590409438   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0590409433/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0590409433.asp)  From the mean streets of Harlem to the rice paddies and jungles of Vietnam, Walter Dean Myers's critically acclaimed FALLEN ANGELS is the riveting account of one soldier's tour of duty. Just out of high school, 17-year-old Richie Perry is fresh out of prospects. He has no money for college and the streets of Harlem are a dead-end, and so he enlists in the Army. But no one prepares him for the horrors of war. |
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| [[0763622591](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0763622591/thebookreport01)**FEED**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0763622591/thebookreport01) **M.T. Anderson** Fiction ISBN-10: 0763622591 ISBN-13: 9780763622596   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0763622591/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0763622591.asp)  In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, Titus meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble. Violet, a beautiful, brainy teenage girl, has decided to rebel against the system --- to fight the feed and its omnipresent ability to categorize human thoughts and desires. |
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| [[0316154091](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316154091/thebookreport01)**THE FORETELLING**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316154091/thebookreport01) **Alice Hoffman** Fiction ISBN-10: 0316154091 ISBN-13: 9780316154093   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316154091/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0316010189.asp)  Rain is girl of the Amazon tribe of women warriors, born in a time of blood and fear. As the future leader of her people, she must seek and hold fast to her inner warrior. What she encounters along her poignant and harrowing path toward her destiny --- a kind young man, a strange, recurrent prophecy, and a condemned baby brother --- lead her, against odds, to forge mercy, love, and peace. |
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| [[0064473856](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064473856/thebookreport01)**FROZEN RODEO**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064473856/thebookreport01) **Catherine Clark** Fiction ISBN-10: 0064473856 ISBN-13: 9780064473859   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064473856/thebookreport01)  Peggy Fleming Farrell is about to have the best summer ever. Only, it doesn't look that way at first. There's her job as coffee wench at the Gas 'n Git, her summer school French class, and her unrequited love for a certain waiter. Not to mention Lamaze class with her mom and her dad's attempt at a professional ice-skating comeback. Find out exactly what it is that turns Fleming's summer around. |
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| [[0440229499](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440229499/thebookreport01)**GATHERING BLUE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440229499/thebookreport01) **Lois Lowry** Futuristic Fiction ISBN-10: 0440229499 ISBN-13: 9780440229490   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440229499/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.teenreads.com/guides/gathering_blue1.asp)  Kira, an orphan with a twisted leg, fears for her future until she is spared by the all-powerful Council of Guardians. A gifted weaver, Kira is given a task that no other community member can do. While her talent keeps her alive, Kira soon realizes she is surrounded by many mysteries and secrets. No one must know of her plans to uncover the truth about her world and see what places exist beyond. |
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| [[0152051244](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152051244/thebookreport01)**GIFTS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152051244/thebookreport01) **Ursula K. Le Guin** Fantasy ISBN-10: 0152051244 ISBN-13: 9780152051242   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152051244/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0152051244.asp)  In the first book in the Annals of the Western Shore series, each family who resides in the Uplands possesses powerful gifts, which can either help or harm others. The Uplanders live in constant fear that one family might unleash its gift against another, but two young people --- friends since childhood --- decide not to use their gifts. |
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| [[031242440X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/031242440X/thebookreport01)**GILEAD**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/031242440X/thebookreport01) **Marilynne Robinson** Fiction ISBN-10: 031242440X ISBN-13: 9780312424404   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/031242440X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews2/031242440X.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/gilead1.asp)  GILEAD tells of three generations spanning the Civil War to the twentieth century, a story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage at America's heart. In the luminous and unforgettable voice of Congregationalist minister John Ames, this brilliant novel reveals the human condition and the often unbearable beauty of an ordinary life. |
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| [[0452282152](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0452282152/thebookreport01)**GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0452282152/thebookreport01) **Tracy Chevalier** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0452282152 ISBN-13: 9780452282155   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0452282152/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0452282152.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/girl_with_a_pearl_earring.asp)  History and fiction merge seamlessly in this luminous novel about artistic vision and sensual awakening. GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING tells the story of sixteen-year-old Griet, whose life is transformed by her brief encounter with genius...even as she herself is immortalized in canvas and oil. |
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| [[0316069035](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316069035/thebookreport01)**THE GIRLS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316069035/thebookreport01) **Lori Lansens** Fiction ISBN-10: 0316069035 ISBN-13: 9780316069038  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316069035/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0316069035.asp)  In THE GIRLS, Lori Lansens offers a compelling character study of Rose and Ruby Darlen --- sisters, best friends, confidantes, and conjoined twins. When Rose, the bookish sister, sets out to write her autobiography, it inevitably becomes the story of her short but extraordinary life with Ruby, the beautiful one. |
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| [[0440237688](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440237688/thebookreport01)**THE GIVER**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440237688/thebookreport01) **Lois Lowry** Futuristic Fiction ISBN-10: 0440237688 ISBN-13: 9780440237686   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440237688/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0440237688.asp)  Jonas's world is perfect. Everything is under control. There is no war or fear of pain. There are no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the community. When Jonas turns 12 he is singled out to receive special training from The Giver. The Giver alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. Now, it is time for Jonas to receive the truth. There is no turning back. |
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| [[1416908161](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1416908161/thebookreport01)**GODLESS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1416908161/thebookreport01) **Peter Hautman** Fiction ISBN-10: 1416908161 ISBN-13: 9781416908166   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1416908161/thebookreport01)  Fed up with his parents' boring old Catholic religion, agnostic-going-on-atheist Jason Bock invents a new god --- the town's water tower. He recruits an unlikely group of worshippers: his snail-farming best friend, Shin, cute-as-a-button (whatever that means) Magda Price, and the violent and unpredictable Henry Stagg. But as their religion grows, it takes on a life of its own. |
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| [[0440237920](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440237920/thebookreport01)**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LARRY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440237920/thebookreport01) **Janet Tashjian** Fiction ISBN-10: 0440237920 ISBN-13: 9780440237921   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440237920/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.teenreads.com/guides/gospel_according_to_larry1.asp)  Seventeen-year-old Josh Swensen's virtual alter ego, Larry, becomes a huge media sensation. Larry has his own Web site where he posts sermons on anti-consumerism and has a large following of adults and teens. While it seems as if the whole world is trying to figure out Larry's true identity, Josh feels trapped inside his own creation. What will happen to the world, and to Larry, if he is exposed? |
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| [[0786885416](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0786885416/thebookreport01)**THE HUNGRY OCEAN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0786885416/thebookreport01) **Linda Greenlaw** Memoir ISBN-10: 0786885416 ISBN-13: 9780786885411  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0786885416/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/hungry_ocean.asp)  Linda Greenlaw --- heralded by Sebastian Junger in THE PERFECT STORM as "one of the best sea captains, period, on the East Coast" --- tells the riveting story of her 30-day sword fishing voyage aboard one of the best-outfitted boats on the Eastern seaboard. Her true-life tale is complete with danger, humor, and characters so colorful they could have come from the pages of MOBY DICK. |
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| [[0440940605](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440940605/thebookreport01)**I AM THE CHEESE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440940605/thebookreport01) **Robert Cormier** Psychological Thriller ISBN-10: 0440940605 ISBN-13: 9780440940609   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440940605/thebookreport01)  In this psychological thriller, 14-year-old Adam Farmer's life is turned upside down by a sudden revelation that his whole life has been a fiction and his identity has been changed. As he tries to unlocks secrets of his past --- a missing father, government corruption, espionage --- the shy and confused Adam must hide these memories if he wants to stay alive. |
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| [[0375836675](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375836675/thebookreport01)**I AM THE MESSENGER**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375836675/thebookreport01) **Markus Zusak** Fiction ISBN-10: 0375836675 ISBN-13: 9780375836671   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375836675/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0375830995.asp)  Ed Kennedy is an underage cabdriver, living in a shack with his coffee-addicted dog and hopelessly in love with his best friend, Audrey. His life is one of peaceful routine and incompetence, until he inadvertently stops a bank robbery. That's when Ed becomes the messenger, making his way through town helping and hurting (when necessary). Only one question remains: Who's behind Ed's mission? |
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| [[0312201656](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312201656/thebookreport01)**I CAPTURE THE CASTLE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312201656/thebookreport01) **Dodie Smith** Romance ISBN-10: 0312201656 ISBN-13: 9780312201654   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312201656/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/I_capture_the_castle.asp)  Cassandra and her family live in not-so-genteel poverty in a ramshackle English castle. Here she strives, over six turbulent months, to hone her writing skills. She fills three notebooks with sharply funny yet poignant entries. Her journals candidly chronicle the great changes that take place within the old castle's walls, and her own first descent into love. |
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| [[0060987561](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060987561/thebookreport01)**I KNOW THIS MUCH IS TRUE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060987561/thebookreport01) **Wally Lamb** Fiction ISBN-10: 0060987561 ISBN-13: 9780060987565   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060987561/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/i_know_this_much1.asp)  The author of SHE'S COME UNDONE has crafted a heartbreaking and poignant multigenerational saga. A story of alienation and connection, power and abuse, devastation and renewal, this novel is a contemporary retelling of an ancient Hindu myth. A proud king must confront his demons to achieve salvation. Change yourself, the myth instructs, and you will inhabit a renovated world. |
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| [[0142406015](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142406015/thebookreport01)**IF YOU COME SOFTLY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142406015/thebookreport01) **Jacqueline Woodson** Fiction ISBN-10: 0142406015 ISBN-13: 9780142406014   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142406015/thebookreport01)  Miah and Ellie meet at a private school in New York and fall in love. Theirs is a rare and special first love, but the people around them don't see it that way. They can only see black and white: Miah is black, Ellie is white and Jewish. And their love, no matter how real, is too strange and scary for the world they live in. |
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| [[0679745580](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0679745580/thebookreport01)**IN COLD BLOOD**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0679745580/thebookreport01) **Truman Capote** True Crime ISBN-10: 0679745580 ISBN-13: 9780679745587  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0679745580/thebookreport01)  In the work that launched the true crime genre, Truman Capote's paints a chilling portrait of the savage murders of four members of the Clutter family in rural Holcomb, Kansas, on November 15, 1959. He reconstructs the murder and the investigation that led to the capture, trial, and execution of the killers, generating both mesmerizing suspense and astonishing empathy. |
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| [[039592720X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/039592720X/thebookreport01)**INTERPRETER OF MALADIES: STORIES**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/039592720X/thebookreport01) **Jhumpa Lahiri** Fiction/Short Stories ISBN-10: 039592720X ISBN-13: 9780395927205   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/039592720X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/039592720X.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/interpreter_of_maladies1.asp)  Maladies both accurately diagnosed and misinterpreted, matters both temporary and life changing, relationships in flux and unshakeable, unexpected blessings and sudden calamities, and the powers of survival --- these are among the themes of Jhumpa Lahiri's extraordinary, Pulitzer Prize-winning debut collection of stories set in both India and America. |
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| [[0385494785](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385494785/thebookreport01)**INTO THIN AIR**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385494785/thebookreport01) **Jon Krakauer** Nonfiction ISBN-10: 0385494785 ISBN-13: 9780385494786   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385494785/thebookreport01)  A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that suggested "a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong. The storm, which claimed five lives and left countless more --- including Krakauer's --- in guilt-ridden disarray, provided the impetus for this epic account of the May 1996 disaster. |
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| [[044021971X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/044021971X/thebookreport01)**IRONMAN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/044021971X/thebookreport01) **Chris Crutcher** Fiction ISBN-10: 044021971X ISBN-13: 9780440219712   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/044021971X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/044021971X.asp)  Following angry outbursts at school, Bo Brewster is sent to Mr. Nak's Anger Management Group, where he meets a hard-edged pack of survivors whose own defenses are rigged as high as his. It is here he meets and falls in love with Shelly, a future American Gladiator, whose passion for physical challenge more than matches his. |
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| [[0689868200](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689868219/thebookreport01)**IRONSIDE: A Modern Faery’s Tale**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689868219/thebookreport01) **Holly Black** Fantasy ISBN-10: 0689868200 ISBN-13: 9780689868207  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689868219/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/0689868200.asp)  IRONSIDE is Holly Black's third dark faery tale and the second to feature Kaye, a changeling pixie who grew up thinking she was a human girl. Torn between her faery lover Roiben and the human world she knows, the book finds Kaye struggling to maintain her human identity while embracing her faerie destiny. |
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| [[0451169514](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0451169514/thebookreport01)**IT**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0451169514/thebookreport01) **Stephen King** Horror ISBN-10: 0451169514 ISBN-13: 9780451169518   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0451169514/thebookreport01)  Master of horror Stephen King spins a story about seven kids who stumbled upon a hidden terror in their hometown. Now, as adults, they are summoned together when the cycle of evil begins again. But none of them can withstand the force that has drawn them all back to Derry, Maine, to face the nightmare without end, and the evil without a name. |
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| [[0307275167](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0307275167/thebookreport01)**MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0307275167/thebookreport01) **Arthur Golden** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0307275167 ISBN-13: 9780307275165   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0307275167/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/memoirs_of_a_geisha.asp)  In this literary tour de force, novelist Arthur Golden enters a remote and exotic world --- that of Sayuri, one of Japan 's most celebrated geisha, a woman who is both performer and courtesan, slave and goddess. The story follows Sayuri from her childhood in an impoverished fishing village to Gion, the pleasure district of Kyoto. |
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| [[1400078776](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1400078776/thebookreport01)**NEVER LET ME GO**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1400078776/thebookreport01) **Kazuo Ishiguro** Fiction ISBN-10: 1400078776 ISBN-13: 9781400078776   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1400078776/thebookreport01)  As children Kathy, Ruth, and Tommy were students at Hailsham, an exclusive boarding school secluded in the English countryside. Now, years later, Kathy is a young woman. Ruth and Tommy have reentered her life. And for the first time she is beginning to look back at their shared past and understand just what it is that makes them special --- and how that gift will shape the rest of their time together. |
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| [[0316160199](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316160199/thebookreport01)**NEW MOON**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316160199/thebookreport01) **Stephenie Meyer** Horror/Romance ISBN-10: 0316160199 ISBN-13: 9780316160193   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0316160199/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0316160199.asp)  Haunted by darkness and despair following the departure of her beloved Edward, Bella Swan must adjust to life without vampire companions --- but with a new source of fascination and danger. |
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| [[0152053107](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152053107/thebookreport01)**A NORTHERN LIGHT**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152053107/thebookreport01) **Jennifer Donnelly** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0152053107 ISBN-13: 9780152053109   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152053107/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.teenreads.com/guides/northern_light1.asp)  Set in 1906 against the backdrop of the murder that inspired Theodore Dreiser's AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY, Jennifer Donnelly's astonishing debut novel effortlessly weaves romance, history, and a murder mystery into something moving, and real, and wholly original. |
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| [[0446605239](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446605239/thebookreport01)**THE NOTEBOOK**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446605239/thebookreport01) **Nicholas Sparks** Romance ISBN-10: 0446605239 ISBN-13: 9780446605236  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446605239/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0446605239.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/notebook1.asp)  Noah Calhoun carried his love for the willowy Allie Nelson with him long after their youthful romance ended. And Allie could not escape her feelings for Noah even after she became engaged to another man. In THE NOTEBOOK, Nicholas Sparks presents a question universal in its appeal: What would happen if two people were given a second chance at the love of a lifetime? |
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| [[014038572X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/014038572X/thebookreport01)**THE OUTSIDERS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/014038572X/thebookreport01) **S.E. Hinton** Fiction ISBN-10: 014038572X ISBN-13: 9780140385724   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/014038572X/thebookreport01) • [Read an Excerpt](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/014038572X-excerpt.asp)  Ponyboy is fourteen, tough and confused, yet sensitive behind his bold front. Since his parents' death, his loyalties have been to his brothers and his gang, the rough, swinging, long-haired boys from the wrong side of the tracks. When his best friend, Johnny, kills a member of a rival gang, a nightmare of violence begins and swiftly envelops Ponyboy in a turbulent chain of events. |
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| [[0802139256](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0802139256/thebookreport01)**PEACE LIKE A RIVER**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0802139256/thebookreport01) **Leif Enger** Fiction ISBN-10: 0802139256 ISBN-13: 9780802139252   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0802139256/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/0802139256.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/peace_like_a_river1.asp)  Set in the Minnesota countryside and North Dakota Badlands of the early 1960s, PEACE LIKE A RIVER is a moving, engrossing, beautifully told story about one family's quest to retrieve its most wayward member. |
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| [[1571316515](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1571316515/thebookreport01)**PERFECT**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1571316515/thebookreport01) **Natasha Friend** Fiction ISBN-10: 1571316515 ISBN-13: 9781571316516   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1571316515/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/1571316523.asp)  Although PERFECT is about a girl struggling with bulimia, it's so much more than a "problem novel." It also explores the intersections between family history and personal problems, as well as the differences between outward appearances and the complex emotions that lie beneath the surface. |
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| [[006101351X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006101351X/thebookreport01)**THE PERFECT STORM**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006101351X/thebookreport01) **Sebastian Junger** Nonfiction/Adventure ISBN-10: 006101351X ISBN-13: 9780061013515   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006101351X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/006101351X.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/perfect_storm.asp)  October 1991. It was "the perfect storm" --- a tempest that may happen only once in a century. Creating waves ten stories high and winds of 120 miles an hour, the storm whipped the sea to inconceivable levels few people on Earth have witnessed. Except for the six-man crew of the Andrea Gail, a commercial fishing boat tragically headed towards the storm's hellish center. |
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| [[0142405701](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142405701/thebookreport01)**PROM**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142405701/thebookreport01) **Laurie Halse Anderson** Fiction ISBN-10: 0142405701 ISBN-13: 9780142405703   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142405701/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0670059749.asp)  High school senior Ashley Hannigan seems to be the only one in her urban Philadelphia high school who doesn't care about prom. But when the faculty advisor gets busted for taking the prom money, Ashley suddenly finds herself with the huge responsibility of putting together a gala dance on an extremely low budget. |
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| [[0440229715](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440229715/thebookreport01)**THE RAG AND BONE SHOP**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440229715/thebookreport01) **Robert Cormier** Mystery ISBN-10: 0440229715 ISBN-13: 9780440229711  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440229715/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0385729626.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.teenreads.com/guides/rag_bone_shop1.asp)  Taking its name from a line in a W.B. Yeats poem, THE RAG AND BONE SHOP is a suspense tale that explores the lengths to which a person will go to get what he wants. |
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| [[0385730292](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385730292/thebookreport01)**REBEL ANGELS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385730292/thebookreport01) **Libba Bray** Fiction/Literary Suspense ISBN-10: 0385730292 ISBN-13: 9780385730297   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385730292/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0385730292.asp)  In this sequel to A GREAT AND TERRIBLE BEAUTY, Gemma Doyle must save the Realms by binding the magic before the wrong people gain control of it. Once again, she faces danger and mystery while learning about love, trust, and the perils of Victorian London's high society. |
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| [[1401302718](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1401309437/thebookreport01)**THE REST OF HER LIFE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1401309437/thebookreport01) **Laura Moriarty** Fiction ISBN-10: 1401309437 ISBN-13: 9781401309435  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1401309437/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/1401302718.asp)   Leigh is the mother of high-achieving, popular high school senior Kara. Their relationship is already strained for reasons Leigh does not fully understand when, in a moment of carelessness, Kara makes a mistake that ends in tragedy --- the effects of which not only divide Leigh's family, but polarize the entire community. |
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| [[0440235502](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440235502/thebookreport01)**ROCKET BOYS/OCTOBER SKY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440235502/thebookreport01) **Homer Hickam** Memoir ISBN-10: 0440235502 ISBN-13: 9780440235507   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440235502/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/0440235502.asp)  This is the true story that inspired the feature film October Sky. It was 1957, and the small mining town of Coalwood, West Virginia, was slowly dying. Faced with an uncertain future, Homer Hickam nurtured a dream: to send rockets into outer space. He fell in with a group of misfits who learned not only how to turn scraps of metal into sophisticated rockets but how to sustain their hope in a town that swallowed its men alive. |
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| [[0451194004](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0451194004/thebookreport01)**ROSEMARY'S BABY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0451194004/thebookreport01) **Ira Levin** Horror ISBN-10: 0451194004 ISBN-13: 9780451194008  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0451194004/thebookreport01)  The young couple. The new neighbors. The suicide. The amulet. The doctor. The herbs. The anagram. The baby. Rosemary's Baby. In 1967, when ROSEMARY'S BABY was first published, Ira Levin's masterpiece gave horror an innocent new face. It caused a worldwide sensation, found fear where we never thought to look before, and dared to bring it into the sunlight. |
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| [[9780375844447](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375844449/thebookreport01)**RUNEMARKS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375844449/thebookreport01) **Joanne Harris** Fiction ISBN-10: 0375844449 ISBN-13: 9780375844447  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375844449/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/9780375844447.asp)   Five-hundred years after the End of the World, old One-Eye returns from World's End to visit Maddy, an outcast girl from the village of Malbry. Shunned by her town because of the runemark on her palm and her magical abilities, she'll do anything he wants if it gives her a place to be her true self --- even if it leads to goblins, Faëries, dangerous forgotten gods, the Sleepers, oracles, Chaos and magic. |
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| [[0312425414](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312425414/thebookreport01)**RUNNING WITH SCISSORS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312425414/thebookreport01) **Augusten Burroughs** Memoir ISBN-10: 0312425414 ISBN-13: 9780312425418  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312425414/thebookreport01)  RUNNING WITH SCISSORS is the true story of a boy whose mother a poet with delusions of Anne Sexton) gave him away to be raised by her unorthodox psychiatrist who bore a striking resemblance to Santa Claus. Augusten Burroughs offers a funny and harrowing account of an ordinary boy's survival under the most extraordinary circumstances. |
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| [[9780061474354](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0061474355/thebookreport01)**SABRIEL**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0061474355/thebookreport01) **Garth Nix** Fantasy ISBN-10: 0061474355 ISBN-13: 9780061474354  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0061474355/thebookreport01)   Since childhood, Sabriel has lived outside the walls of the Old Kingdom, away from the random power of Free Magic, and away from the Dead who refuse to stay dead. But now her father, the Charter-Mage Abhorsen, is missing, and to find him Sabriel must cross back into that world. With Mogget, whose feline form hides a powerful, perhaps malevolent spirit, and Touchstone, a young Charter Mage, Sabriel travels deep into the Old Kingdom. There she confronts an evil that threatens much more than her life --- and comes face-to-face with her own hidden destiny. |
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| [[1400052785](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1400052785/thebookreport01)**SARAH**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1400052785/thebookreport01) **Marek Halter** Fiction/Religion & Spirituality ISBN-10: 1400052785 ISBN-13: 9781400052783   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1400052785/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews2/1400052726.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/sarah1.asp)  SARAH is the first novel in a trilogy about the women of the Old Testament. From the great ziggurat of Ishtar and the fertile valleys of Canaan to the bedchamber of the mighty Pharaoh himself, the story of Sarah reveals an ancient world full of beauty, intrigue and miracles. |
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| [[0375829822](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375829822/thebookreport01)**SAVING FRANCESCA**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375829822/thebookreport01) **Melina Marchetta** Fiction ISBN-10: 0375829822 ISBN-13: 9780375829826   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375829822/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0375829822.asp)  Francesca Spinelli attends a former boys-only school that recently opened its doors to females, and none of her friends from her old school are going there. And then Francesca finds herself dealing with her problems without guidance from her once vivacious mother, who is battling acute depression. What will happen to Francesca and her family? |
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| [[9780385518680](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385518684/thebookreport01)**THE SECRET BETWEEN US**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385518684/thebookreport01) **Barbara Delinsky** Fiction ISBN-10: 0385518684 ISBN-13: 9780385518680  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385518684/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/9780385518680.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides_S/the_secret_between_us1.asp)   Deborah Monroe and her daughter, Grace, are driving home from a party when their car hits a man running in the dark. Grace was at the wheel, but Deborah sends her home before the police arrive, determined to shoulder the blame for the accident. Her decision then turns into a deception that takes on a life of its own and threatens the special bond between mother and daughter. |
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| [[0449911519](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0449911519/thebookreport01)**THE SECRET HISTORY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0449911519/thebookreport01) **Donna Tartt** Thriller ISBN-10: 0449911519 ISBN-13: 9780449911518   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0449911519/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/secret_history1.asp)  Richard Papen arrived at Hampden College in New England and was quickly seduced by an elite group of five students. As Richard is drawn into their inner circle, he learns a terrifying secret that binds them to one another --- a secret about an incident in the woods in the dead of night where an ancient rite was brought to brutal life and led to a gruesome death. And that was just the beginning.... |
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| [[0375760989](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375760989/thebookreport01)**SHADOW DIVERS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375760989/thebookreport01) **Robert Kurson** Nonfiction/Adventure ISBN-10: 0375760989 ISBN-13: 9780375760983   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0375760989/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0375760989.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/shadow_divers1.asp)  In the tradition of Jon Krakauer's INTO THIN AIR and Sebastian Junger's THE PERFECT STORM comes this true tale of riveting adventure in which two weekend scuba divers risk everything to solve a great historical mystery --- and make history themselves. |
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| [[0689857349](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689857349/thebookreport01)**SIGN OF THE RAVEN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689857349/thebookreport01) **Julie Hearn** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0689857349 ISBN-13: 9780689857348   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689857349/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0689857349.asp)  Something odd is going on in the basement of an old house in London. An inexplicable gap has formed, a gap in time that links the present to the past. And twelve-year-old Tom, who discovers the gap while on a visit to his grandmother, is torn between both worlds. Fast paced and vivid, SIGN OF THE RAVEN is a mystery, a time-travel fantasy, and a historical novel with modern-day appeal. |
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| [[0385730586](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385730586/thebookreport01)**THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385730586/thebookreport01) **Ann Brashares** Fiction ISBN-10: 0385730586 ISBN-13: 9780385730587   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385730586/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.teenreads.com/guides/sisterhood_traveling_pants1.asp)  During their first summer apart, four teenage girls, best friends since childhood, stay in touch through a shared pair of secondhand jeans that magically adapts to each of their figures. They decide to form a sisterhood and share the jeans. The journey of the traveling pants --- and the most memorable summer of their lives --- is about to begin. |
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| [[0440416027](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440416027/thebookreport01)**SKELLIG**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440416027/thebookreport01) **David Almond** Fiction/Religion & Spirituality ISBN-10: 0440416027 ISBN-13: 9780440416029   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440416027/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0440416027,asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.teenreads.com/guides/skellig1.asp)  Ten-year-old Michael's baby sister is ill, his parents are frantic, and Doctor Death has come to call. Michael feels helpless. Then he discovers a human being --- or a strange kind of beast --- in the garage. Together Michael and his new friend Mina carry the creature out into the light, and Michael's world changes forever. |
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| [[0060502436](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060502436/thebookreport01)**THE SLEDDING HILL**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060502436/thebookreport01) **Chris Crutcher** Fiction ISBN-10: 0060502436 ISBN-13: 9780060502430   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060502436/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0060502436.asp)  Eddie Proffit must cope with the unexpected deaths of his father and his best friend, while having to face the possibility of one of his favorite books being removed from his school. But Billy Bartholomew, his friend, doesn't disappear completely. He comes back to speak with Eddie and to help him find his way again. |
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| [[067976402X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/067976402X/thebookreport01)**SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/067976402X/thebookreport01) **David Guterson** Thriller ISBN-10: 067976402X ISBN-13: 9780679764021  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/067976402X/thebookreport01)  San Piedro Island, north of Puget Sound, is a place so isolated that no one who lives there can afford to make enemies. But in 1954 a local fisherman is found suspiciously drowned, and a Japanese American named Kabuo Miyamoto is charged with his murder. And in the course of the ensuing trial, it becomes clear that what is at stake is more than a man's guilt or innocence. |
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| [[0812968069](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0812968069/thebookreport01)**SNOW FLOWER AND THE SECRET FAN**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0812968069/thebookreport01) **Lisa See** Fiction ISBN-10: 0812968069 ISBN-13: 9780812968064   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0812968069/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/snow_flower1.asp)  In nineteenth-century China, seven-year-old Lily is paired with a laotong, "old same," in an emotional match that will last a lifetime. They communicate in a secret written language, and together they endure the agony of foot-binding, and reflect upon their arranged marriages, shared loneliness, and the joys and tragedies of motherhood --- until a misunderstanding arises and threatens to tear apart. |
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| [[0446675253](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446675253/thebookreport01)**SNOW IN AUGUST**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446675253/thebookreport01) **Pete Hamill** Fiction/Religion & Spirituality ISBN-10: 0446675253 ISBN-13: 9780446675253X   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446675253/thebookreport01)  It is a unique and unusual friendship: 11 year-old Michael Devlin, an Irish Catholic from Brooklyn, and Judah Hirsch, a rabbi and refugee from Prague, who meet during a blizzard. In baseball, the two find a common love, but when anti-Semitic hoods threaten them with violence, the two must look for a miracle in a most unlikely place. |
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| [[0064410471](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064410471/thebookreport01)**SO B. IT**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064410471/thebookreport01) **Sarah Weeks** Fiction ISBN-10: 0064410471 ISBN-13: 9780064410472   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0064410471/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0066236223.asp)  Everything about Heidi and her mentally disabled mother's past is a mystery. When a strange word in her mother's vocabulary begins to haunt her, Heidi sets out on a cross-country journey to uncover the truth. Far away from home, pieces of her puzzling history come together. But it isn't until she learns to accept not knowing that Heidi truly arrives. |
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| [[0061140996](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0061140996/thebookreport01)**SOMEONE LIKE SUMMER**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0061140996/thebookreport01) **M. E. Kerr** Fiction ISBN-10: 0061140996 ISBN-13: 9780061140990  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0061140996/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/0061140996.asp)   Veteran young adult writer M. E. Kerr tells the story of one turbulent, emotionally intense summer in the life of a young woman. Race, politics and current events mix with first love in this provocative story that is bound to elicit discussion. |
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| [[0142401773](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142401773/thebookreport01)**SOMEONE LIKE YOU**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142401773/thebookreport01) **Sarah Dessen** Fiction ISBN-10: 0142401773 ISBN-13: 9780142401774  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142401773/thebookreport01)  Halley has always followed in the wake of her best friend, Scarlett. But when Scarlett learns that her boyfriend has been killed in a motorcycle accident, and that she's carrying his baby, she's devastated. For the first time ever, Scarlett really needs Halley. Though their friendship may be tested by the strain, like a true friendship, it will endure. |
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| [[0425152251](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0425152251/thebookreport01)**SOPHIE'S WORLD**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0425152251/thebookreport01) **Jostein Gaarder** Fiction ISBN-10: 0425152251 ISBN-13: 9780425152256   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0425152251/thebookreport01)  One day Sophie finds two questions in her mail --- Who are you? and Where does the world come from? --- prompting her to enroll in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. When she begins receiving unusual letters from someone she doesn't know, Sophie must make use of the philosophy she is learning to unravel the riddle. But the truth is far more complicated than she could have imagined. |
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| [[0060791551](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060791551/thebookreport01)**THE SPACE BETWEEN US**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060791551/thebookreport01) **Thrity Umrigar** Fiction ISBN-10: 0060791551 ISBN-13: 9780060791551   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060791551/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0060791551.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/space_between_us1.asp)  In this richly textured and engrossing novel, Thrity Umrigar explores the relationship between two women whose connection transcends their place at opposite ends of the social spectrum of modern-day Bombay. Weaving between past and present, Umrigar reveals their shared struggles, their solitary hardships and the secrets that threaten to destroy them both. |
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| [[014131088X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/014131088X/thebookreport01)**SPEAK**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/014131088X/thebookreport01) **Laurie Halse Anderson** Fiction ISBN-10: 014131088X ISBN-13: 9780141310886   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/014131088X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/014131088X.asp)  Melinda Sordino, a sharp, witty "everygirl" turns into a social pariah after busting an end-of-summer party by calling the cops. The safest place to be is alone, inside her own head. But even that's not safe. There's something she's trying not to think about, something about the night of the party that, if she let it in, would blow her carefully constructed disguise to smithereens. And then she would have to speak the truth. |
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| [[0689865406](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689865406/thebookreport01)**SPECIALS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689865406/thebookreport01) **Scott Westerfeld** Fantasy/Action & Adventure ISBN-10: 0689865406 ISBN-13: 9780689865404   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0689865406/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0689865406)  In this fast-paced last book of Scott Westerfeld's trilogy, Tally has been remade into a special Special called a Cutter, dedicated to defending the city from its enemies. Now she embarks on the most urgent quest of her life: saving Zane while destroying New Smoke. Along the way she absorbs truths about humanity, civilization, and herself. |
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| [[0440416779](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440416779/thebookreport01)**STARGIRL**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440416779/thebookreport01) **Jerry Spinelli** Romance ISBN-10: 0440416779 ISBN-13: 9780440416777   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440416779/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.teenreads.com/guides/stargirl1.asp)  Stargirl. From the day she arrives at quiet Mica High in a burst of color and sound, the hallways hum with the murmur of "Stargirl, Stargirl." She captures Leo Borlock's heart with just one smile. She sparks a school-spirit revolution with just one cheer. The students of Mica High are enchanted. At first. And then they turn on her. |
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| [[0142406511](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142406511/thebookreport01)**SUMMER OF MY GERMAN SOLDIER**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142406511/thebookreport01) **Bette Greene** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0142406511 ISBN-13: 9780142406519  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0142406511/thebookreport01)  Patty Bergen never imagined that her summer would be so memorable. German prisoners of war have arrived to make their new home in the prison camp in Jenkinsville, Arkansas. To the rest of her town, these prisoners are only Nazis. But to Patty, a young Jewish girl with a turbulent home life, one boy in particular becomes an unlikely friend. |
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| [[9780385730303](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385730306/thebookreport01)**THE SWEET FAR THING**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385730306/thebookreport01) **Libba Bray** Fiction/Literary Suspense ISBN-10: 0385730306 ISBN-13: 9780385730303  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385730306/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/9780385730303.asp)   It's 1896, and Gemma Doyle's time at Spence Academy for Young Ladies is coming to a close in a whirl of parties and balls that will mark her and her classmates' debutante "season." Gemma's story comes full circle with THE SWEET FAR THING, the conclusion to Libba Bray's wildly popular trilogy that melds Victorian conventions with supernatural fantasy. |
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| [[0385751087](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385751087/thebookreport01)**A SWIFT PURE CRY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385751087/thebookreport01) **Siobhan Dowd** Fiction ISBN-10: 0385751087 ISBN-13: 9780385751087  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385751087/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/0385751087.asp)   Shell Talent's life has been difficult since her Mam died a year earlier. Her father has turned to Scripture and alcohol in an attempt to escape reality and his inner demons. Shell cares for her younger siblings (and doesn't mind doing so), though she's bored of church and school. Things seem to get better when Father Rose comes to Coolbar, but soon Shell finds herself at the center of a scandal that will change her life forever. |
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| [[0156031302](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0156031302/thebookreport01)**SWIMMING TO ANTARCTICA**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0156031302/thebookreport01) **Lynne Cox** Autobiography ISBN-10: 0156031302 ISBN-13: 9780156031301  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0156031302/thebookreport01)  This is the joyful, inspirational memoir of swimmer Lynne Cox, who by age sixteen had broken all records for English Channel swims. With a poet's eye for detail, Cox shares the beauty of her time in the water in this new classic of sports memoir --- from being the first to swim the Strait of Magellan to a near miss with a shark off the Cape of Good Hope to the iceberg-choked waters of the Antarctic. |
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| [[9780312360207](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312360207/thebookreport01)**TALLGRASS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312360207/thebookreport01) **Sandra Dallas** Fiction ISBN-10: 0312360207 ISBN-13: 9780312360207  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0312360207/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/tallgrass1.asp)   During World War II, a family finds life turned upside down when the government opens a Japanese internment camp in their small Colorado town. After a young girl is murdered, all eyes (and suspicions) turn to the newcomers, the interlopers, the strangers. |
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| [[0152057803](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152057803/thebookreport01)**TANGERINE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152057803/thebookreport01) **Edward Bloor** Fiction ISBN-10: 0152057803 ISBN-13: 9780152057800   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0152057803/thebookreport01)  Though legally blind, Paul Fisher can see what others cannot. But no one listens to Paul --- until his family moves to Tangerine, where weird is normal and a new start might help Paul finally see the truth about his past. And give him the courage to face up to his terrifying older brother. |
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| [[0060931418](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060931418/thebookreport01)**THEIR EYES WERE WATCHING GOD**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060931418/thebookreport01) **Zora Neale Hurston** Fiction ISBN-10: 0060931418 ISBN-13: 9780060931414   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060931418/thebookreport01) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/their_eyes_were_watching_god.asp)  Fair and long-legged, independent and articulate, Janie Crawford sets out to be her own person --- no mean feat for a black woman in the 1930s. Zora Neale Hurston's classic 1937 novel follows Janie's quest for identity --- a journey during which she learns what love is, experiences life's joys and sorrows, and comes home to herself in peace. |
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| [[0767902890](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0767902890/thebookreport01)**THE THINGS THEY CARRIED**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0767902890/thebookreport01) **Tim O'Brien** Fiction/Short Stories ISBN-10: 0767902890 ISBN-13: 9780767902892   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0767902890/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/0767902890.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides/things_they_carried.asp)  They carried malaria tablets, love letters, 28-pound mine detectors, dope, illustrated Bibles, each other. And, if they made it home alive, they carried unrelenting images of a nightmarish war that history is only beginning to absorb. THE THINGS THEY CARRIED has become an unparalleled Vietnam testament, a profound study of men at war that illuminates the capacity, and the limits, of the human heart and soul. |
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| [[9780061122194](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006112219X/thebookreport01)**THINGS I WANT MY DAUGHTERS TO KNOW**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006112219X/thebookreport01) **Elizabeth Noble** Fiction ISBN-10: 006112219X ISBN-13: 9780061122194  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/006112219X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/9780061122194.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides_T/things_i_want_my_daughters_to_know1.asp)   When Barbara realizes time is running out, she writes letters to her four daughters, aware that they'll be facing the trials and triumphs of life without her at their side. But how can she leave them when they still have so much growing up to do? By drawing on the wisdom in Barbara's letters, the girls might just find a way to cope with their loss. |
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| [[076362750X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/076362750X/thebookreport01)**THIRSTY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/076362750X/thebookreport01) **M.T. Anderson** Horror ISBN-10: 076362750X ISBN-13: 9780763627508   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/076362750X/thebookreport01)  In this savagely funny tale of terror, teen angst, suspense, and satire, all Chris really wants is to be a normal kid. Unfortunately, he appears to be turning into a vampire. So while his hometown performs an ancient ritual that keeps Tch'muchgar, the Vampire Lord, locked in another world, Chris desperately tries to save himself from his own vampiric fate. He needs help, but whom can he trust? |
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| [[9781595141712](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1595141715/thebookreport01)**THIRTEEN REASONS WHY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1595141715/thebookreport01) **Jay Asher** Fiction ISBN-10: 1595141715 ISBN-13: 9781595141712  • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1595141715/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://teenreads.com/reviews/9781595141712.asp)   Clay Jenkins returns home from school to find a mysterious box with his name on it. Inside he discovers 13 cassette tapes recorded by Hannah Baker, his classmate and crush, who committed suicide two weeks earlier. She explains that there are 13 reasons why she decided to end her life --- and Clay is one of them. |
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| [[014131835X](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/014131835X/thebookreport01)**VOTE FOR LARRY**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/014131835X/thebookreport01) **Janet Tashjian** Fiction ISBN-10: 014131835X ISBN-13: 9780141318356   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/014131835X/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0805072012.asp)  In this followup to THE WORLD ACCORDING TO LARRY, Josh Swensen (a.k.a. Larry) finds himself in a hyper-paranoid state of no return. That is, until he's kidnapped and coaxed into resurfacing as his old persona --- so that he can run for political office! |
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| [[0446697435](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446697435/thebookreport01)**THE WIDOW OF THE SOUTH**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446697435/thebookreport01) **Robert Hicks** Historical Fiction ISBN-10: 0446697435 ISBN-13: 9780446697439   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446697435/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews2/0446500127.asp) • [Reading Group Guides](http://www.readinggroupguides.com/guides3/widow_of_the_south1.asp)  Based on a true story, this novel flashes back to 1864 and the Civil War's Battle of Franklin. While the fierce fighting rages on Carrie's land, her plantation turns into a Confederate army hospital. When a wounded soldier named Zachariah Cashwell arrives at her house, he awakens feelings she had thought long dead --- and inspires a passion as powerful and unforgettable as the war that consumes a nation. |
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| [[0439441722](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0439441722/thebookreport01)**THE WILL OF THE EMPRESS**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0439441722/thebookreport01) **Tamora Pierce** Fantasy ISBN-10: 0439441722 ISBN-13: 9780439441728   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0439441722/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0439441714.asp)  This fantasy novel from Tamora Pierce marks the return of the four mages who appeared in The Circle of Magic and The Circle Opens quartets. Together, they will try to outsmart and outlast the Empress of Namron, who has set a cunning trap to keep them in her brutal empire forever. |
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| [[0446610100](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446610100/thebookreport01)**WISH YOU WELL**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446610100/thebookreport01) **David Baldacci** Fiction ISBN-10: 0446610100 ISBN-13: 9780446610100   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0446610100/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.bookreporter.com/reviews/0446610100.asp)  When tragedy strikes, precocious 12-year-old Louisa Mae Cardinal and her younger brother, Oz, leave the hectic New York City of 1940 to live on their great-grandmother's farm in the Virginia mountains. Suddenly Lou finds herself coming of age in a new landscape, making her first true friend, and experiencing adventures that are tragic, comic, and audacious. |
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| [[0440498058](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440498058/thebookreport01)**A WRINKLE IN TIME**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440498058/thebookreport01) **Madelene L'Engle** Fantasy ISBN-10: 0440498058 ISBN-13: 9780440498056   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0440498058/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0440498058.asp)  In this beloved children's tale, an unearthly stranger appears at young Meg Murray's home. He claims to have been blown off course and that there is such a thing as a "wrinkle in time." Meg's father had been experimenting with time-travel when he suddenly disappeared. Will Meg, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin outwit the forces of evil as they search through space for their father? |
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| [[0060569174](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060569174/thebookreport01)**YOU, MAYBE**](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060569174/thebookreport01) **Rachel Vail** Fiction ISBN-10: 0060569174 ISBN-13: 9780060569174   • [Buy from Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060569174/thebookreport01) • [Read a Review](http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0060569174.asp)  Josie is independent, fierce, and doesn't care what anyone thinks about her, especially where guys are concerned. She may flirt with them, and even kiss them, but it doesn't mean anything. So who can explain what happens when Carson Gold, the hottest senior, decides he's interested in her? |
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